

LEOMINSTER & WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT

Herefordshire



Joint

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Public Health Inspector

for the year 1968

(As at 31st December 1968)

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Miss H.M. Fairhurst	Shobdon
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E.A. Griffiths	Lingen and Willey
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P.K. Griffiths	Stoke Prior and Ford
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C.C. Jones	Brampton Bryan & Buckton & Coxall
S.T. Jones	Aymestrey
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G.H. Williams	Walford, Letton and Newton Wigmore
R.R. Worthing	Orleton
E.B. Yapp	Leysters

Clerk of the Council .. G.A. Robson

To the Chairman and Members of the Leominster and Wigmore R.D.
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1968, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

I have no particular comment to make on the statistical section, which, as a whole, is in line with the National experience. Minor variations do occur, but are not significant.

I would like to thank Mr. Emerson for his work during the year, and for his excellent report on it which contains a great deal of useful information, and also indicates how much financial considerations are holding up progress. In particular I would like to draw attention to his remarks on refuse disposal and on lay-by's on pages 15 and 16, and to his final paragraphs on page 25.

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STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	94,101
Estimated mid-year home population	9,680
Average number of persons per acre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.1
Number of inhabited houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,216
Average number of inhabited houses per acre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.03
Average number of persons per house	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.0
Rateable value	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£228,386
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£950

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	73	63	136
Illegitimate	7	3	10
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	80	66	146
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Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.16	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. (Crude)	15.1	16.7	16.0	17.1	16.9
" " " " (Adjusted)	17.5	19.4	18.6	19.8	19.6
England and Wales	16.9	17.2	17.7	18.1	18.5

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	6.8
England and Wales	..	*

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	13.5	12.4	Nil	18.1	29.9
England and Wales	14.3	14.8	15.3	15.8	16.3

*figure not yet available

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	.. 6.8
England and Wales	.. 10.5

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	.. 6.8
England and Wales	.. 12.4

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	.. 20.3
England and Wales	.. 24.7

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	(Total	13.7	18.9	32.7	18.4	18.5
	(Legitimate	14.7	20.4	33.3	18.9	13.2
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	90.9
England & Wales	(Total	18.3	18.3	19.0	19.0	19.9
	(Legitimate	*	*	*	*	19.4
	(Illegitimate	*	*	*	*	26.3

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	*

DEATHS

			Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:			55	51	106
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
Comparability factor: 0.89	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. (Crude)	11.0	13.5	13.5	9.9	10.7
" " " " (Adjusted)	9.8	12.0	12.0	8.6	9.5
England and Wales	11.9	11.2	11.7	11.5	11.3

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	9	10	19		
Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	1.96	2.83	2.51	1.46	1.57
England and Wales	2.27	2.27	2.25	2.23	2.20

Cardio-Vascular Disease

		Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:		33	34	67

*figures not available

Cardio-Vascular Disease (Continued)

	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	6.92	8.07	6.68	5.02	6.58
England and Wales	6.06	5.77	5.97	5.95	5.73

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	8	3	11
Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			

	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	1.14	1.37	2.19	1.46	1.15
England and Wales	1.75	1.37	1.60	1.41	1.37

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms, etc.	7	5	12
Other diseases of nervous system etc.	1	1	2
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	1	2
Hypertensive disease	3	1	4
Ischaemic heart disease	13	9	22
Other forms of heart disease	7	9	16
Cerebrovascular disease	6	10	16
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	3	5
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	3	1	4
Bronchitis and emphysema	3	1	4
Asthma	1	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Peptic ulcer	1	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	1	-	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal tissue	-	1	1
Congenital anomalies	-	1	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-	1	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	1	-	1
	55	51	106

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN THE LEOMINSTER & WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT
DURING THE YEAR 1968

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	-	-	10	24	11	36	7	1	-	-	-	-	89
+Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	3
Dysentery	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	4

+Notifiable from 15.6.68.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HERFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1968.

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	1	3	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	4	2	1	18
Measles	-	3	146	133	39	112	66	24	-	-	1	2	526
Scarlet Fever	1	-	2	2	2	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	11
Acute Encephalitis:													
Post-Infectious	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
* Acute Pneumonia	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
+ Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	1	1	8
Dysentery	-	-	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	17
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	6
* Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	3

* Ceased to be notifiable from 1.10.68.

+ Notifiable from 15.6.68.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE
COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

Leominster & Wigmore Rural District

Disease	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
Whooping Cough	1	39	7	3	36
Measles	89	24	73	123	225
Scarlet Fever	-	2	2	-	3
*Erysipelas	-	1	1	2	1
*Acute Pneumonia	-	3	2	2	3
+Infective Jaundice	3	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	2	-	-
Dysentery	14	139	1	3	3
Food Poisoning	4	8	5	5	12
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	-	1	-	1	2
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	1	-

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	18	47	37	5	70
Measles	526	314	271	525	609
Scarlet Fever	11	11	29	12	8
*Erysipelas	-	2	4	3	2
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	2	-	-
Post-Infectious	1	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	1	-	-	-
*Acute Pneumonia	3	5	9	3	8
+Infective Jaundice	8	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	17	285	92	6	3
Food Poisoning	6	10	9	8	14
*Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	1	3	4	8	10
Non-Pulmonary	3	2	3	3	3

*Ceased to be notifiable from 1.10.68.

+Notifiable from 15.6.68.

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES OF CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	England & Wales	North Here- fordshire
Whooping Cough	0.05	0.35
Measles	1.41	4.86
Scarlet Fever	0.03	0.31
Acute Encephalitis:		
Post-Infectious	0.003	0.001
Dysentery	0.05	0.40
Food Poisoning	0.02	0.12
Infective Jaundice	0.02	0.24
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.003	0.22
Non-Pulmonary	0.01	0.04

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1967.	26	14	8	8
Recovered	-	1	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1968.	26	13	8	8

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1964	2	72	-	-
1965	2	68	-	-
1966	-	67	-	-
1967	2	56	-	10
1968	-	55	-	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTSUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

Inspections of houses under Housing & Public Health Acts	87
Caravans	69
Housing Applicants	102
Nuisances (other than drainage)	21
Drainage	36
Water Supplies	286
Food Premises	27
Food Vans and Stalls (Mobile food vans)	11
Slaughterhouses	79
Knackers Yard	1
Milk Regulations	5
Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning	23
Refuse Collection and Disposal	77
Rodent Control	24
Petroleum Acts	47
Local Land Charges	27
Miscellaneous	162
Revisits	227
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	6
Litter	9
Flooding	6
Public Health Act	1
Scrap Metal Dealers	1
Civic Amenities Act	19
Sewage Disposal	1
Ice Cream	2
Housing Management	7
Clearance Area	1

WATER SUPPLIESPublic Supplies

The Herefordshire Water Board are responsible for the various public undertakings in the district as follows:

Parish	Houses supplied direct	Houses sharing standpipes
Adforton	33	2
Aymestrey and Yatton	41	3
Brimfield	12	1
Kimbolton	50	-
Kingsland	56	-
Leinthall Starks	10	-
Leintwardine	176	9
Leysters	19	-
Lingen	25	-
Little Hereford	39	-
Lucton	16	-

WATER SUPPLIES (Continued)Public Supplies (Continued)

Continuation of Herefordshire Water Board supplies:

Parish	Houses supplied direct	Houses sharing standpipes
Luston	88	4
Middleton-on-the-Hill	11	-
Monkland	15	-
Orleton	100	1
Pudleston	15	-
Richards Castle	30	2
Shobdon	110	-
Wigmore	76	-
Yarpole	56	-

Council House supplies taken over by the Water Board

Parish	Houses supplied direct	Houses sharing standpipes
Bodenham	16	-
Brimfield	24	-

Periodical sampling of the Board's supplies is carried out and the water submitted for bacteriological examination. Where evidence of contamination is found the Water Board is informed and immediate steps taken to render the water safe.

In July, use of the bore at Richards Castle, a supply of unreliable quality, was discontinued and water for the village obtained from the East Shropshire Water Board. Subsequent samples have been satisfactory.

Samples from the Orleton supply were unsatisfactory on two occasions during the year, subsequent sampling has been satisfactory however. On isolated occasions samples from other sources were not satisfactory for a mains supply and although the Water Board took immediate steps to ensure satisfactory supplies it does appear that it is essential for the Board to institute some form of 'quality control'.

The Brimfield and Little Hereford mains were available to the public by the end of the year and the Water Board received consent to invite tenders for the Stoke Prior, Risbury, Docklow, Eye, Moreton and Monkland schemes. It is expected that tenders will be invited early in 1969.

The checking of individual supplies in the areas more recently served by mains water has received little attention and it will be a considerable time before this is completed due to the large area involved, the amount of routine sampling which has to be done and the lack of time which can be devoted to this subject.

WATER SUPPLIES (Continued)Other Water Supplies

Throughout the district a number of houses are without individual water supplies, and in parts without main supplies: water is mainly from shallow wells and springs, often not of a satisfactory quality.

The supply to Brampton Bryan which has in the past been of satisfactory quality showed persistent slight contamination towards the end of the year. In parts of the village the pressure is inadequate and although attention has not been directed to this village whilst other areas were not so well served with water, the time is quickly approaching when a mains supply will be required in this area, and in other villages served by a private supply.

Water Sampling

282 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year and sent to the laboratory at Hereford. These produced the following results:

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Main	62	19
Private	108	93

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGEPublic Sewers, other than Council House Estates

Location	Number of dwellings connected	Sewage Disposal
Brampton Bryan	29	Septic tank
Kingsland	108	Settlement and filtration
Leintwardine	164	Septic tank
Luston	24	Settlement and filtration
Orleton	41	Settlement and filtration
Shobdon	59	Settlement and filtration
Wigmore	82	Land irrigation
Yarpole	9	Settlement and filtration

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE (Continued)

The majority of the work on the Luston and Yarpole scheme was completed during the year but minor items are still outstanding.

The Orleton scheme was completed in March and the Brimfield section started.

The new works and sewers at Leintwardine are now in operation, the gross pollution of the River Teme from the drainage of this village is discontinued.

The Council's programme for sewerage the main villages includes the provision or improvement of public sewers in Bodenham, Wigmore, Brampton Bryan, Monkland, Stoke Prior, Shobdon and Kimbolton.

Public sewers are also required in Aymestrey, Hope-under-Dinmore, and Lingen. The provision of a sewer at Leysters would be of great assistance in improving the very unsatisfactory housing conditions in the village. The provision of septic tanks in the heavy soil of that area will not prove satisfactory in the majority of cases. It is to be hoped that restrictions in capital expenditure do not hold back the provision of these services for too long.

Sewage disposal works on Council house estates have received frequent inspection. These plants are working satisfactorily. The contents of the settling tanks and humus tanks are removed at regular intervals.

In the remainder of the district sewage disposal at individual premises where facilities exist, is mainly by private septic tank, and in other cases pail closets and some privies are in use.

Cesspool emptying throughout the district is at present carried out by private contractors upon payment. At the end of the year the question of rate-borne assistance was again under consideration by the Council.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A curbside collection of refuse is operated by the Council fortnightly throughout the district. Most of the refuse is disposed of by tipping at Shobdon, use of the tip at Risbury ceased during the year and very little refuse is tipped at Brimfield.

The quantity of refuse collected continues to increase due to a number of factors including the increase in packaging materials with the greater use of packed foods, and the increase in the number of houses, particularly where estates are erected. The quantity and type of refuse collected from housing estates is urban in character, whereas many householders when living in cottages used their ashes on the path or garden, probably burnt their paper and either composted their vegetable waste or fed it to pigs or poultry, they now live in a restricted space where ash paths (to the small building in the garden) are not needed, and the gardens are not large enough for pigs and poultry to be kept. Consequently, at the end of a fortnight, instead of a few tins and bottles awaiting collection, an overflowing dustbin plus one or more bags or boxes have to be collected from one household.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL (Continued)

A fortnightly collection of refuse is not adequate, particularly in village areas. When the Working Party on refuse collection produced its report in 1967 it was felt that the financial restrictions at that time prevented the Council implementing the recommendations which were applicable to the area, particularly weekly collections and the abolition of the curbside collection. To put it mildly the financial situation has not improved, but during this period of restriction, thought should be given to the improved services which should be introduced when the opportunity arises. This curbside collection is most unsatisfactory giving rise to various complaints of non-collection, frequently due to the householder not putting out the refuse before the collection vehicle has passed; elderly householders, too, often have great difficulty in putting out their bins. When this type of collection is on a fortnightly basis, it will be appreciated that to be missed only once means that a month's refuse is stored by the time the next collection is due.

Weekly cleansing of lay-bys on the A.49 trunk road and on other classified roads continues to be undertaken on behalf of the County Council, and from time to time accumulations of refuse left by itinerant traders has to be removed from lay-bys created by road improvements.

On a number of occasions a revision of the lay-by situation has been suggested to the County Surveyor but this had not been resolved by the end of the year. New lay-bys have been formed but the Highway Authority do not appear to be prepared to spend additional money on cleansing, although in all the cases in this rural district the need for lay-by cleansing is due to highway use and not because of litter left by local inhabitants.

The Civic Amenities Act came into force during the year, three vehicles being removed by the Council under the Act. A number of cars were removed by the owners as a result of informal letters, the majority of these being on the Council's housing estates.

HOUSING

25 houses were built by the Council during the year.

34 private houses were completed within the district and 3 dwellings provided by conversion.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts	..	78
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	..	87
(2) (a) Number of houses found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	..	67

Houses dealt with under Section 42 of the Housing Act 1957

Number of Clearance Areas	..	2
Number of Houses in Areas	..	6

HOUSING (Continued)Houses dealt with under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act 1957

Demolition Orders made	..	6
Closing Orders made	..	7
Undertakings accepted	..	22

Notices Issued

Informal	..	12
Statutory	..	Nil

Action under Statutory Notices during the year

Proceedings under Public Health Acts	..	Nil
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Improvement Grants

Discretionary Grants approved	..	16
Standard Grants approved	..	33

Unfit Houses

Activity is mainly confined to dealing with vacant houses although the construction of the new houses at Leintwardine and Orleton has enabled action to be taken in respect of a number of houses.

Lack of progress with the provision of houses to accommodate the people from the Quarry Row area of Leysters continued to be a disturbing matter. These houses have been among the very worst in the district since the 1930s and the living conditions are appalling. Re-housing has been promised from time to time since before the war, and there is little wonder that mention of re-housing gives rise to sardonic smiles among the older inhabitants. Six of these ten houses are now empty and it is to be hoped that it will not be left to a 'Higher Authority' to rehouse the older people before the Council are able to make suitable provision.

Two further clearance areas, Leintwardine (No. 2) and Brimfield (No. 1), each comprising three houses, were declared during the year and await inquiries by the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

Action under Sections 16 and 42 of the Housing Act 1957 has been taken in respect of 257 houses in the last 6 years and the following is a summary of the results to date:

(1) Houses demolished	..	39
(2) Houses awaiting demolition	..	20
(3) Houses closed	..	68
(4) Houses to be closed upon vacation by present occupier	..	4
(5) Houses made fit	..	14
(6) Houses subject to undertakings and proposals to make fit	..	45
(7) Houses where action has been started but the outcome is not yet resolved	..	47

COUNCIL HOUSES

Parish	Name of Housing Estate	Number of Dwellings	Source of Water Supply	Sewage Disposal
Adforton	Orchard Close	6	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Aymestrey	Council Houses	2	River (HWB)	Septic tank
Bodenham	Caldervale	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Bodenham	Old houses	4	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Brimfield	Wyson Avenue	24	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Brimfield	Old Council Houses	2	Shallow Well	Septic tank (sinks only)
Hope-under-Dinmore	Hill View	4	Shallow Well	Complete Works
Hope-under-Dinmore	Cherrybrook Close	38	Borehole	Complete Works
Humber	Humber Close	29	Borehole	Complete Works
Kimbolton	Chestnut Avenue	12	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Kimbolton	New Road	2	Shallow Well	Septic tank
Kingsland	Boarsfield	12	Shallow Well and River (HWB)	Public sewer
Kingsland	Old Council Houses	6	River (HWB)	Public sewer
Kingsland	Hostel	6	River (HWB)	Complete Works
Leintwardine	Rosemary	34	Shallow Well (HWB)	Public sewer
Lingen	Council Houses	4	Borehole (HWB)	Septic tank
Little Hereford	Temple Meadow	8	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Little Hereford	Aynall Lane	2	Spring	Septic tank
Little Hereford	Old Council Houses	4	Shallow Well	Cesspool (sinks only)

COUNCIL HOUSES (Continued)

Parish	Name of Housing Estate	Number of Dwellings	Source of Water Supply	Sewage Disposal
Luston	Westland View	12	River (HWB)	Public sewer
Luston	Eye Lane	4	Shallow Well	Cesspool (sinks only)
Lucton	St. Peter's Square	6	River (HWB)	Complete Works
Monkland	Bakerlea	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Orleton	Green Lane	10	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Orleton	Halletts Well	12	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Orleton	St. George's Crescent	3	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Richards Castle	Springfield	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Shobdon	The Grove	30	River (HWB)	Public sewer
Wigmore	Old Council Houses	8	Borehole (HWB)	Land irrigation (Public sewer)
Wigmore	Ford Street	16	Borehole (HWB)	Land irrigation (Public sewer)
Yarpole	James Close	8	Shallow Well	Septic tank

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OVERCROWDING

No new cases of overcrowding were reported during the year.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are 14 permanent and temporary residential sites in the district licenced for a total of 28 caravans. During the year three licences were renewed and one new licence was issued.

In addition to the above, there are 12 sites, catering for 173 caravans, approved for holiday purposes.

CAMPING

There is still no camping problem within the district, although provision of a transit site for tents and vans is probably called for.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPSFactories Act 1937 and 1948

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	19	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by L.A.	35	-	-	-
(3) Other Premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by L.A.	3	-	-	-

Cases in which defects were found:

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Sanitary Conveniences: Insufficient and defective	Nil	Nil

There are no factories in the district known to employ outworkers, and no notifications of outworkers within the district were received.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Twentyseven inspections were made at various foodshops in the district.

The undermentioned food was condemned as being unfit for human consumption:

Meat .. 396 lb.

Number of Food Premises Registered under
Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955

Sale of ice-cream .. 38

Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages, or
potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food

Butchers .. 1

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)Food Premises

The following table lists the various food premises within the district, and indicates the number complying with Regulation 16 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, requiring the provision of a wash-hand basin, and Regulation 19, requiring the provision of a sink in certain cases.

Type of Trade	Number of Premises	Number complying with Reg. 16	Number to which Reg. 19 applies	Number complying with Reg. 19
(a) Grocers, (incl. sale of fruit, fish, game, vegetables, and pre-packed sugar confectionery)	32	23	9	7
(b) Restaurants and catering establishments (other than those in (c) below)	4	4	6	6
(c) Licenced Premises (Hotels, Inns and Clubs)	32	24	32	32
(d) Bakers and Confectioners	2	2	2	2
(e) Butchers	3	3	3	3
(f) Central Kitchen for School Meals	1	1	1	1

Milk Supply

The whole of the district is a specified area under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and only heat treated and T.T. milk (now called Untreated milk) is allowed to be sold retail.

The heat treated milk retailed in the district is supplied to the retailers by three firms outside the area. Untreated (farm bottled) milk is supplied by several local farmers.

There are five dairies (excluding farm dairies) registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. These are all merely premises in which bottled milk is stored pending delivery.

No samples of milk were taken by the department for examination for *Brucella Abortus*.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Inspection of 100% of all animals killed in the slaughterhouse was carried out.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	127	-	2	682	12	-
Number inspected	127	-	2	682	12	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	30	-	1	119	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected infected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	23.6%	-	50%	17.5%	16.5%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned and car- cases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned and car- cases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)Poultry Inspection

One of the establishments in the district is now producing a number of dressed birds for distribution, approximately 550 per week out of a total kill of 2,500 being treated in this manner. An experienced qualified man is employed on the staff on the one day per week that dressing is carried out and inspection of abnormal conditions in the birds is his responsibility.

PETROLEUM LICENCING

Seventy licences were renewed during the year.

An application was made for a licence in respect of a tank not previously licenced but which had been installed for some time. The application of a pressure test proved the tank to be leaking and it has since been filled with concrete.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

There were no accidents reported under Section 48 of the Act.

Table A. Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total registered premises at end of the year	No. of registered premises receiving general inspection during the year
Offices	-	5	3
Retail Shops	1	8	4
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	1	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 (Continued)Table B. Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspector to Registered Premises

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Table C. Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises or Workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	31
Retail Shops	36
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	3
Canteens	4
Fuel Storage Depots	3

Total Males: 41

Total Females: 36

Table D. Exemptions

Part I	Space (Sec.5(2))	Nil
Part II	Temperature (Sec.6)	Nil
Part III	Sanitary Convenience (Sec.9)	Nil
Part IV	Washing Facilities (Sec.10)	Nil

Table E. Prosecutions

NIL

Table F. Inspectors

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act:	One
Number of Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act:	Nil

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

All Local Authority refuse tips are treated at regular intervals for rats and vermin, and sewers and sewer outfalls received treatment when infested.

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district.	2,563	1,075
2.(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	19	2
(b) Number infested by:		
(i) Rats	16	2
(ii) Mice	-	-
3.(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	3	Nil
(b) Number infested by:		
(i) Rats	2	-
(ii) Mice	-	-

GENERAL

The year has been notable for the number of complaints received concerning nuisances from pig keeping. In most ventures where public health is concerned it is desirable to commence in a proper manner, but more than any other pig keeping appears to grow from small beginnings and is invariably accompanied by improvisation. Although this is a rural district, things are changing and people are no longer prepared to suffer "country smells". Forethought on the part of many of these pig keepers could have prevented the complaints and even the nuisances.

As in previous years, attention has been concentrated on certain aspects of the work to the detriment of others. The amount of administrative work increases constantly and as more houses are dealt with under the Housing Acts the number of interviews of owners and purchasers and the number of letters despatched takes up more and more time. I wish to record my appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Palmer in the administration of the department, where she deals with a work load which is ever increasing in size and complexity.

